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SOME BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF
DAVID EARLY
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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DAVID EARLY.

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DAVID EARLY, the fourth son of Thomas, the only son of William, the younger brother of Jeremiah Early, the first of the family to emigrate from Ireland to America, was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, in the year 1774. He came to Mason county, Kentucky, with other members of the family in the year 1788. He was then fourteen years of age. He was without means other than a robust constitution, great courage and a determination to make a home in that then new and romantic country. He was an expert with the ax and worked at chopping and hewing timber, and was termed a house joiner—that is, one who cut and hewed logs and joined them together into a house. He grew to manhood in the vicinity of Mills Station. He was more than six feet tall, large bone and frame, and very muscular, with a strong, rugged constitution. He often said he did not consider it a hard day's work to cut the timber and split two hundred rails, but it certainly would have kept the great rail splitter, Abraham Lincoln, quite busy to have done more.

He was a good marksman and killed many bears and buffalo, they being plentiful in the forest

when he first came to Kentucky. He often spoke of being well acquainted with Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton, who were pioneers in that part of Kentucky.

He married Elizabeth Linn, daughter of Andrew Linn, who came to Kentucky from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and they had issue:

SALLIE, born February 14, 1802.

ANDREW, born December 14, 1803.

ELENOR, born April 26, 1806.

EUPHEMIA, born July 31, 1808.

ELIZABETH, born August 6, 1811.

MARTHA, born March 26, 1814.

AMANDA, born March 30, 1817.

DAVID WATSON, born July 6, 1820.

By hard work and frugality he had accumulated enough money to purchase a small farm at the time he was married, upon which he and his young wife commenced their young lives together in Fleming county, Kentucky, to which they added as time went on until they had acquired 185 acres of splendid land. He farmed it nicely and kept it in good repair; worked moderately, but steadily. Bought a negro man, who afterwards married, and he then bought the wife. The colored pair had several children, but there was but one of the colored children living in 1836 when he sold his farm in Kentucky and moved to Ohio. At that time he gave the negro man and wife their freedom and took the small negro boy (Lew Johnson by name) with him to Ohio and kept him in his family until

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James
John Fryer
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married

twenty-one years of age. The colored boy was quite a curiosity in his Ohio home. He attended school, church and singing schools and afforded a great deal of amusement for the white folks, young and old. He had his own horse and had as much liberty and fun as the white boys in that part of the country. When he was twenty-one he was given \$100 and allowed to go and do for himself.

David Early sold his farm in Kentucky and bought a farm of about 200 acres in Brown county, Ohio, about six miles north of Aberdeen, and moved there with all his family except Sally, Andrew, Euphemia and Elenor, they having married in Kentucky. He prospered in Ohio and added to his farm as the years went on until he had accumulated more than six hundred acres of good land and five thousand dollars in good notes at the time of his death, all of which had been acquired by honest toil and judicious management. *Shawyer*

He died August 2, 1862, at the age of 88. His wife died a year or so before. He had lived an honest, upright life and was honored and respected by all who knew him; saw his children grow to maturity, marry and rear families of their own, and nothing came to cloud or mar his life until the separation by death from the companion of his life, who had long before passed the allotment, "three score and ten." If all lives could be as pure and simple and prosperous as those of David and Elizabeth Early, what a glorious world this would be.

He was a soldier in the war of 1813; helped to build Fort Defiance and wintered there; suffered a great deal on account of the cold winter and exposure, which was a great strain on his wonderful constitution. On his return, was sick nearly unto death and was ever afterwards subject to attacks like pneumonia, which resulted finally in sudden death.

He received a land warrant for eighty acres of land for his services. He became a christian about the year 1846 or 1847 and he and his wife united with the Presbyterian Church, and during the remainder of his life was a model christian, maintaining family prayers and a regular attendant at church.

His wife was of a splendid family and was a lovable and helpful companion during all her life.

They lie at rest in the Ebenezer church yard cemetery, which is on a portion of the old Ohio homestead.

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ANDREW EARLY.

ANDREW EARLY, the older son of David Early, was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, December 14, 1803, near Flemingsburg, and reared on a farm. Began teaching school when a young man and was very successful. On April 18, 1826, he married Fannie L. Summers, in Fleming county, Kentucky, who was one of the many Summers' families which lived in that section of the State, and were noted for their thrift, enterprise and hospitality.

Soon after marriage he moved to Brown county, Ohio, near Feesburg, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in the woods, but by hard work he cleared off the timber, and he and his wife worked hard, used good economy, and stuck to it until the farm was paid for.

To them were born six children, as follows :

MARY ELLEN EARLY, born September 30, 1827 ; died August 29, 1828.

AMANDA JANE EARLY, born March 3, 1829, and died February 16, 1849, nearly twenty years of age. She was an example of a pure christian character, always at her place in the church, unless sick, and was an active worker in all christian duties.

DAVID CARR EARLY, born April 21, 1830.

LEWIS JEFFERSON EARLY, born October 11, 1831.

ELNATHAN KEMPER EARLY, born June 11, 1834.

GEORGE WASHINGTON EARLY, born June 26, 1836.

Andrew Early and his wife were members of the New School Presbyterian Church, as they believed in human liberty and opposed to slavery, although both of their parents had been slave holders in Kentucky. He was almost continuously an elder in the church, and was very able in prayer. Was also a good speaker and took an active part in Republican politics, to which party he belonged after the Whig party ceased to exist.

He was a lover of his country and believed in holding aloft the flag of his country, and when troops were called for to go to Mexico he went to Georgetown, where they were to volunteer; he went to offer his services to the governor, but the county quota was filled when he got there, which prevented him being in the war with Mexico.

He was a justice of the Peace in his township. He lived in Peace with all his neighbors and was always ready to help the poor and needy. He lived a pure life and was a strong advocate of temperance, and during his long life never used tobacco (in any form) or profane language. Was never sick until his last sickness, when he died of fever June 7, 1878, and was buried by the side of his wife who died August 9, 1874.

DAVID CARR EARLY.

DAVID CARR EARLY was born April 21, 1830, in Brown county, Ohio, near the village of Feesburg. His father was Andrew Early, who was the son of David Early. He was raised on a farm until eighteen years of age, when he began teaching school, teaching a term of three months. He then returned home and took up the study of the Latin language as best he could without a teacher. He would take his book to the fields with him and improve every moment he could find, while his team was resting, to study. In this way he read *Historia Sacra*. His desire to learn the Latin language had attracted the attention of a Presbyterian minister in Feesburg, by the name of Scott, who induced Carr's father to allow him to go to the studio of the minister every day to recite his Latin. He applied himself to his study and never missed a day for one year to go to the house of the minister and recite his lesson. During this year his father allowed him two acres of land to cultivate. He planted one acre to corn and one acre to tobacco. He would work a while and then study a while, probably enjoying the study more than the work, but it appears he did not neglect his crop very badly, because at the end of the year he sold his corn for \$20.00 and the tobacco for \$125.00. He then attended a school at Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, called "Stringtown Institute," for about one year. He made rapid progress, especially in mathematics, which was his favorite study at that time, but later became,

more attached to history and spent every moment in reading both in and out of school. After his year in said Institute he went to Nelson county, Kentucky, where his uncle, Walter Summers, lived, and taught school for about one year and a half in order to replenish his purse, which had been well nigh exhausted at the "Stringtown Institute." (He never had any assistance from his father other than his board and the use of the two acres of land free of rent.) He then returned to Feesburg, Ohio, and commenced reading law with H. L. Penn, of Georgetown. He had to spend a part of his time teaching school in order to pay his expenses, but always kept his law books with him, studying at all times he was not occupied with his school duties. At the end of two years he was quite proficient in the law and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Not seeing much money in the practice of law for a young attorney he continued teaching school two years longer, most all of the time in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio. School teaching was not thought to be a paying business in those days, but by strict economy and working Saturdays and evenings he succeeded in saving five hundred dollars in the two years. He had read Horace Greeley's advice, "Go West young man," and he turned his face toward the setting sun and traveled as far as he could by rail and boat and then on foot. He did not find anything to suit him until he struck Iowa. He traveled nearly the entire length of Iowa, from the

Mississippi on the East to the Missouri river on the West on foot. He fell in love at once with the black, deep, alluvial soil of the broad, rich prairies of the State, and determined at once to secure 160 acres of that land at government price, \$1.25 per acre, and to get timber land if possible, thinking that would be most valuable, being surrounded by so much prairie. He had to go almost to the West line of the State before he found what suited him, but at last struck it in Sac county, a beautiful grove of timber surrounded by as fine prairie as the sun shines upon. This was May 5, 1856. Here he stopped and took his claim in company with a young man by the name of Andrew J. Taylor, of northern Ohio, who had been his traveling companion for the last 100 miles. They immediately went into the grove to examine the timber and found it to be all they could desire, but while in the timber they met a German. They asked him what he was doing there. He replied, "staking out a claim," and that he intended to take a pre-emption on it and make a home of it. The government land office was then at Sioux City, ninety miles further West. The young men knew there was no time to be lost if they secured this elegant land, so it was agreed that young Taylor should start at once for Sioux City, to make their claims good by securing government pre-emption papers from the land office, while Taylor was to cut logs and make clapboards for a house. They divided the grove and adjoining prairie satisfactorily, and selected a place on the line between

their claims on which to erect a cabin in which both could live. Then young Early started for Sioux City afoot. The roads were bad, no bridges, and many creeks and sloughs to wade, but he made the trip to Sioux City in three days, secured his pre-emption papers and made the return trip in three days. When he returned, young Taylor was ready to raise the cabin, which was soon accomplished and a bedstead made of poles, and with prairie grass for mattress and bed clothing. No floors, no chinking between the logs and no door graced that cabin, but these two young pioneers took up their abode there and occupied this rude cabin three months, their nearest neighbors being four or five miles distant. They dug up a small patch of hazel brush and planted potatoes, and spent the summer hunting and attending their potatoes and their household duties.

Taylor was a good cook, but they had little to cook aside from coffee and bacon. They would set the frying pan between them and each dip his bread in it for the gravy. Their appetites were good, and they spent the summer on this coarse fare and complied with the law, entered their land under the pre-emption law and paid for it at \$1.25 per acre, and thus each of them became the owner of 160 acres of choice land with plenty of timber and water. In the fall young Early was taken sick with fever and ague, caused no doubt by exposure. He often got wet wading sloughs and creeks, and would go all day without changing his clothing and often sleeping on the damp ground. He was

taken in by a neighbor and cared for as best they could do, but he did not recover only temporarily, and would then be worse again. After being in this condition about two months he returned to Ohio, and then to Fleming county, Kentucky, where he taught a term of school at a place called Bunkerhill, and the next spring returned to Sac county, Iowa, traveling by boat all the way to Sioux City, the trip lasting over a month. The ague had stuck to him, attacking regularly once a month and lasting about three days each time. He had an attack of the ague while on the boat. There was aboard a Presbyterian minister, who told him to carry a root of rhubarb and eat a little of it every day. He followed the advice of the minister and has never had a touch of the ague since. On returning to Sac county he located in Sac City, the county seat, which at that time was composed of only three or four log cabins, one of which was intended for a school house. He was at once engaged to teach the first school in Sac City and entered upon his duties, but after teaching seven days was offered the deputyship as county treasurer and recorder, which he accepted and secured his release as teacher. This was a very fortunate turn in his career.

The first election in the county for county officers had taken place in the fall of 1856, while he was in Kentucky, and a man by the name of Cory had been elected county treasurer and recorder. Mr. Cory lived on a good farm about three miles from the county seat, and when he learned that he

would be required to keep his office at the county seat he concluded that he could not afford to leave his farm and go to town, and would therefore employ a deputy to attend the office for him. Young Early being a good penman, a lawyer, well educated and of pleasing address, was just the man for the place. He entered upon his duties, attending to both offices and doing writing and attending to legal business for the people generally. His fame as a penman and lawyer spread rapidly, and he soon was a very busy man.

Nearly all the taxable land in the county at that time was held by non-residents, who had acquired it by military land warrants. He soon became known to most of these land owners by correspondence and later agent for them. He kept a careful list of the names and addresses of these non-resident land owners and attended to the paying of taxes, etc., for which he charged a nominal fee. But he saw there was a fortune opening up to him. Sac county, as well as most all other western counties, was badly in debt, caused by having but little taxable property and all being fast in building bridges, school houses, etc., so that county warrants issued for these improvements were only worth about fifty cents on the dollar, but by law were receivable for the county taxes. He sold his 160 acres of land that had cost him but \$200 for \$1,000 and invested the money in county warrants that drew six per cent. interest, which really made twelve per cent. on the money invested, and having a large list of lands for which he was agent to pay

the taxes, was able to turn the warrants into the county at their face value, \$2,000. With this money he purchased \$4,000 in warrants, and thus continued doubling his money for several years. He extended the business to some extent in adjoining counties, and also entering into other speculations, all the time keeping his business strictly to himself, so that the people generally, nor even his intimate associates, were aware of the amount of money he was making, and were therofore content to keep him in office without a feeling of either jealousy or envy on their part. He was very courteous and made himself agreeable to the voters, so that when Mr. Cory's term of office expired he was elected as county treasurer and recorder without opposition, and re-elected every two years for eight years. He was then elected county judge, which office he filled for one term, but ever afterwards refused to be a candidate for any office, with the exception of mayor of Sac City for one term and presidential elector in 1884, when Blaine and Logan headed the ticket. While treasurer he naturally drifted into the real estate and banking business, and has been a bank president about twenty-five years in all.

He has always been a hard worker and well informed in the business in which he was engaged. He used to work in his office nearly all night, so intent upon his work that he would allow the fire to go out and not realize the fact until his ink would become frozen on his table. He has always been a great reader and thinker ; has prospered in

everything he has ever undertaken; has practiced economy at all times, but is very public spirited and liberal in donations to public enterprises; has donated many thousands of dollars to churches and charitable societies.

In 1876 he erected a splendid house in Sac City at a cost of about \$20,000, which he has since occupied as a home. Prior to that time he had lived in a humble little cottage not worth more than \$500. At the time he built his new house it was said to be the best house in northwestern Iowa, and there are probably very few better at this time outside of Sioux City.

For the last eight or ten years he has made no effort to make money, being satisfied with what he had accumulated prior to that time.

The habits of frugality and attending strictly to his own business which he formed in his youth cling to him, and he is honored and respected by all who know him. He has the respect and confidence of all with whom he has ever had business relations.

He never entered the practice of law, but found the knowledge he acquired in studying of very great use to him all through life, and considers the time spent in preparing himself for a lawyer as well spent.

He has been a radical republican since the day the rebels fired on Fort Sumter, never varying, never scratching his ticket.

He has always been inclined to the christian religion, but did not become an avowed christian

until about fifty years of age. At that time he began to think very seriously on the subject and read the New Testament through several times. This reading, together with the impression wrought upon him by conferring the orders of Knights Templar in Masonry about that time, made him a firm believer in christianity, and he then made an open profession of the same and united with the Presbyterian church, of which he now is a member. He is very liberal in his views and feels somewhat cramped in the Presbyterian church, which is not in reality the church of his choice, but he says he can get along amicably with any body of people that teach and love the doctrines of Him who declares himself to be the "Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley."

It was largely due to his influence and liberality that a railroad was built into Sac City in 1878, a branch or plug fourteen miles long. It was graded and bridged and right of way furnished by the citizens of Sac City and two congressional townships that paid a tax of five per cent. The road cost him many thousand dollars, and was donated to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company on condition that it equip and operate it for twenty years. The road has been extended sixty or seventy miles west, and is now an important and paying branch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. The people of Sac City and vicinity owe him a debt of gratitude for the part he took in that enterprise. He also contributed liberally to the erection of an elegant opera house, which is a

great ornament to the city but of little value to the stockholders. He holds about seventy-five per cent. of the stock. He also gave several thousand dollars toward erecting the Oak Park College buildings in Sac City. In fact, he has always been the most liberal contributor in all matters of public enterprise in his town and county, and has always taken an active part in all public affairs, political and social. He has done more for the welfare of Sac City and Sac county than any other man.

He has been a Freemason since 1852. Was several times master of the lodge and eminent commander of the commandery at Sac City, and has always been much attached to the order.

He is very affable in his manners, a great lover of humorous stories and innocent games, a friend and companion to rich and poor, young and old.

He was first married December 9, 1859, to Harriet V. Wren, who proved a good wife and a helpful companion during the short time she lived. She died March 26, 1864, three days after the birth of their second child.

The children by this marriage were :

OSSIAN CARR EARLY, born November 30, 1860.

WALTER FRANCIS EARLY, born March 23, 1864.

He was again married, January 1, 1865, to Sarah Ann Wren, a sister of his first wife, who at once became a mother to the little boys, Ossian and Walter, in whom she took the same interest and gave the same care and attention she afterwards bestowed upon her own children.

The children by the second marriage are :

QUINCY EUGENE, born February 3, 1867.

LULU MAUDE, } born September 10, 1868.
LOLA MAE, }

DOUD CADY, born April 30, 1875.

Of the six children, three have been taken by death. The first to be taken was Lulu Maude, one of the twins, November 25, 1872, she being a little over four years old. This was a sore affliction to the fond parents, who had taken such pride in their twin girls. The next to be taken was Walter Francis, who died at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was attending college. He was nearly twenty years of age, and would have graduated in a short time. He was a very bright young man, an artistic penman and draughtsman. He had a splendid mind and model disposition, was a favorite at home and at school, and was making such satisfactory progress with his studies that he had become the center of the hopes and anticipations of his parents. They were called upon again about two years later to give up their youngest, Doud Cady. He was a very bright and lovable little boy, loved and admired by all, the especial favorite of the family after the death of Walter. The loss of these two sons has cast a shadow over the life of their parents.

OSSIAN CARR EARLY, the eldest son of David Carr, was married November 12, 1882, to Susie Lee Worley. Previous to marriage he took a course in a commercial college in Chicago. After he was married he engaged in the lumber business

at Wall Lake, Iowa, and afterwards in the hardware business. Then he moved to Auburn, Iowa, and lived there two or three years. He is now living in Shenandoah, Iowa, and still engaged in the hardware business. He is a good business man and sticks close to his business.

His children are :

HAZEL HOPE, born April 30, 1884.

CARR BLAINE, born July 16, 1888, and died August 26, 1890.

QUINCY EUGENE EARLY attended school at Drake University, of Des Moines, Iowa, and has a good education. He lives with his parents in Sac City, and is engaged in the real estate and abstract business. He also is a good business man.

LOLA MAE EARLY attended school at Drake University for about two years. She then attended the Neff School of Oratory and Elocution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she graduated with honor in June, 1894. She then made a tour of Europe, visiting all its important cities and other places of note. She is now in Paris, France, studying the French language and is making fine progress therein.

COLUMBUS, O., August, 1895.

It is a pleasure for me to have the privilege of making the statement here to Lola's ability in grasping the scenery and country through which she traveled when on her tour through Europe. She wrote us some letters describing the country and scenery through which she traveled, and I think I never read anything better or more complete, or interesting in my life. She has an excellent ability in description, and in the use of language, and should cultivate it and success is hers.

G. W. EARLY.

LEWIS JEFFERSON EARLY.

LEWIS JEFFERSON EARLY, the second son of Andrew Early, was born October 11, 1831, on the farm near Feesburg, Brown county, Ohio.

Received a common school education in the public schools. Being a very fine singer, he taught singing school throughout the country and farmed also.

He married Miss Sarah Walker October 6, 1852, near Hamersville, Ohio, and to them were born the following children:

GEORGE W., born January 28, 1854, at Vermont, Illinois.

MINNIE, born April 15, 1856, at Feesburg, Ohio.

FANNIE L., born August 4, 1859, at Feesburg, Ohio.

He moved, with his family, March 28, 1863, to Leavenworth, Kansas, going by the river route. He was then in the mereantile business for several years. His wife died at Leavenworth November 26, 1872. He married Miss Kate Barr November 26, 1873, and to them were born the following:

ANNA MAY, born January 14, 1875.

MAUDE ELIZA, born June 28, 1876.

In 1878 he moved to Kansas City, Missouri, and engaged in the boot and shoe business until May, 1881, when he moved over the river to Wyandotte, Kansas, where he engaged in the real estate business, in which he proved quite successful, and is still following the same business.

GEORGE W. EARLY, son of Lewis J. Early, was born near the town of Vermont, Illinois, January 28, 1854. About two years after the family moved to Feesburg, Ohio, and he lived on a farm near there, and in the town until nine years of age, when he removed with his parents, in early part of year 1863, to Leavenworth, Kansas, receiving his education in the public and high schools there. In 1869 he accepted a position in an office as bookkeeper, making three changes in the next ten years, always as bookkeeper, until September, 1879, he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Great Western Manufacturing company, of Leavenworth, Kansas, which position he held until the company was incorporated in 1882, when he was elected as the treasurer of the company, and held same until 1891 when he was compelled to resign on account of the "writer's cramp." While he was suffering from this trouble he took up the task of learning to write with his left hand and accomplished it in three months. After a rest of about a year from office work he moved to Marceline, Missouri, purchasing stock in the Bank of Marceline, being elected as cashier of the bank in April, 1892, and is still holding the same position. On February 11, 1880, he married Mary Callahan, the youngest daughter of Dr. H. B. Callahan, of Leavenworth, Kansas. The children born to them were two:

HENRY BRUCE, born November 19, 1880.

ELIZABETH, born December 1, 1889.

MINNIE EARLY, born April 15, 1856, at Feesburg, Brown county, Ohio, was married in Sac City, Iowa, at her Uncle Carr's, September 24, 1879, to Alva S. Merviett, of Ionia, Michigan. To them were born :

EARL ALVA, February 17, 1885, at Kansas City, Kansas.

LEWIS RAY, born September 22, 1886, who died October, 1889.

MABLE, born January 31, 1888, and died July 5, 1888.

Her husband being a portrait painter, they traveled over many States and had many temporary homes, but now live in Kansas City, Kansas. She has a liberal education and is quite a good musician.

FANNIE L. EARLY was born near Feesburg, Brown county, Ohio, August 4, 1839. Received a good education. Married to George S. Fisher in Kansas City, Kansas, May 4, 1890. He being secretary of the Gospel Union for the world, and his business calling him from home a great deal she devotes her life in the cause of the Gospel Union and in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. They make their home in Kansas City, Missouri.

ELNATHAN K. EARLY.

ELNATHAN K. EARLY, the third son of Andrew Early, was born June 11, 1834, near Feesburg, Brown county, Ohio. Attended school in the winter and farmed in the summer, and unlike the other brothers has followed farming all his life, and owns the old homestead near Feesburg. He married Maggie A. Livingston September 25, 1857, and to them were born the following:

BELLE, born July 25, 1858; died July 25, 1858.

ANDREW M., born July 26, 1859, at Feesburg.

On September 3, 1864, he enlisted in the Fourth Ohio Independent Company of Cavalry for one year. Joined Sherman's army at Atlanta, Georgia. Was detailed as orderly and dispatch bearer to General O. O. Howard. Was in all the engagements on the grand march of "Sherman to the sea." Was at the surrender of Johnson to Sherman at Atlanta. Was in the Grand Review of the armies at Washington, D. C., in June, 1865, when he was discharged June 28, 1865, by reason of the expiration of the war. He returned to his family near Freesburg, Ohio, where he still resides.

ANDREW MILLER EARLY, son of Elnathan K. Early, was born July 26, 1859, near Feesburg, Ohio; received a liberal education in the public schools. Was noted for his good penmanship. He chose to follow the tilling of the soil and has made a fair success of it. He was married to Sallie Wells October 16, 1884, and to them have been born:

L. WELLS, born November 4, 1885.

VERN K., born March 20, 1888.

ROBERT L., born July 24, 1890.

He lives on a farm near Feesburg, Brown
county, Ohio.

GEORGE W. EARLY.

GEORGE W. EARLY, the fourth son of Andrew Early, was born on the farm near Feesburg, Brown county, Ohio, June 26, 1836. Attended the public schools in the winter and farmed in the summer until seventeen years of age, when he went to the normal school at Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, to prepare for teaching school, and followed it both winter and summer until September 3, 1857, when he was married to Miss Indiana Evans, near Aberdeen, Brown county, Ohio.

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During the political campaign of 1860 he made several speeches for Abraham Lincoln for president. He was running a general store in Hunt-
ington township, Brown county, Ohio, at this time, and in 1862, when the president called for 600,000 more volunteers for the defense of our country he concluded to be one of the number. He sold what he could of his stock of goods, boxed the rest up, took his wife and children to his father's home at Feesburg, and on August 26, 1862, was sworn into the service of his country for three years, or during the war, in front of the old Broadway hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, in Company E, of the Eighty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Was made a duty sergeant and

remained such through the war. Was ordered into camp at Camp Dennison, Ohio, but in a few days the regiment was ordered to cross the Ohio river at Cincinnati to defend that city against what was supposed to be an attack by General Kirby Smith, but he did not put in his appearance.

Later in September the regiment was ordered to West Virginia, on the Kanawha river to help drive out General Jenkins, who was roaming through the hills and valleys of West Virginia, and the Union troops were most successful in a short time. They camped at several places on the Kanawha River until they got to the falls, where they camped some time, awaiting tents, as they had had no tents up to this time. Here many of them dug holes in the bank and boarded up the sides with slabs split from timber, covered with the same, and that covered with earth, and they were quite comfortable until they got orders to cross over Cotton Mountain and go into camp at Laurel Creek. Here they cut timber and built nice log barracks; but when they had them about ready to occupy, they got orders in January to fall back to the Kanawha, and there were put on boats with orders to reinforce General Rosecrans' army at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. They were joined by other troops until there were forty boats of soldiers besides four gunboats.

They went down the Ohio River to Louisville, Kentucky, where they were paid off, being the first payment since enlistment in August, and this was in January, 1863. He sent \$12 per month out of

the \$16 he received during the entire war to his family for their support. They went on down the Ohio and up the Cumberland, and got to Fort Donaldson just in time for our gunboats to shell the rebels at the second battle of Fort Donaldson.

After arriving at Nashville they went into camp some six miles out of the city for a few weeks, when they were ordered, with three other regiments under the command of Gen. George Crook, up the Cumberland River to Carthage, Tennessee, where they camped until in May, 1863, when the brigade was ordered to join the main army at Murfreesboro.

While at Carthage they had several skirmishes with the enemy, especially General Forest's cavalry, and at Middleton our troops got the worst of it, and had to fall back to Carthage.

Owing to the great exposure in the campaign up the Kanawha Valley, and hard marching and the poor accommodations on the boats to Tennessee, he contracted a low grade of fever, and when the regiment left Murfreesboro for Chattanooga, he was sent to the field hospital at Murfreesboro, (not being able to march), and from there to Nashville, where he had the best of medical attention, then from there to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was detailed as clerk, and from there transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps in February, 1864, for *general debility*, but continued in the service until the close of the war. Was in Washington, D. C., three months, and helped to keep his relative, Gen. Jubal Early, out of the city of Washington in 1864. Was chief clerk of the recruiting service at Camp

Curtin, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the last six months of his service, and helped to recruit sixty-two companies, making out all the necessary papers. Was in charge of "*Camp Return*" at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and when the Pennsylvania troops came there to be discharged, had the care of the entire camp, and helped many of the officers and soldiers in getting out their final papers. Was discharged by reason of the close of the war at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on July 8, 1865, having served nearly three years. When with the regiment, he was in all the battles the regiment was in, and always at his post, and when discharged his commanding officer wrote across his discharge "*Character Exemplary.*" He returned to Feesburg, Ohio, to his family; went into the merchandise business and followed it closely for four years, and made some money out of it, notwithstanding goods declined in price during the four years from two to three hundred per cent. He then bought a grist mill and saw mill combined, put them in good order and sold out, making a very nice profit.

He then went into the music business and has followed that ever since. Moved to Ripley, Ohio, in 1875, and stayed there nine years, moving to Columbus, Ohio, in April, 1884, where he now lives. He is a member of Wells Post, G. A. R., and believes in the fraternity, charity and loyalty of the organization in its truest and best sense. Was on the State Department Commander's Staff for two years.

He has one of the many comfortable homes on Twentieth street of the Capital City. Was a member of the Board of Education from 1891 to 1893, and was instrumental in having the Stars and Stripes placed on all the public school buildings of the city. His wife, who was so heroic and true during the war, in taking care of herself and the children, and who is considered by all who know her as one of those good wives, mothers and neighbors, still lives and enjoys good health.

*gr aunt
India
(Evans)*

To them were born—

LOUIS MORTIMER, born October 13, 1859.

SAMUEL BENJAMIN, born April 24, 1862; died August 6, 1863.

ANDREW CARR, born April 24, 1870; died August 26, 1870.

The following letters from some who know him will be of interest here :

Mr. George W. Early, the subject of this note, has been an honored and highly valued member of the church of which I am pastor—Eastwood Congregational, Columbus, Ohio—almost since its organization thirteen years ago. Mr. Early comes from most excellent Presbyterian stock, and has absorbed, in large measure, that sturdy independence and integrity which have distinguished the sons of Calvin throughout their grand history.

Mr. Early is a man of the broadest sympathies, and enters enthusiastically into every matter of public duty which looks to the welfare of the community in which he resides. His generous tolerance and sympathy for all that is good, no matter from what source it emanates, have won for him the esteem of all his neighbors; and in our own congregation he is probably the most generally respected, by both young and old, of any of our members.

Mr. Early cannot be called any longer a young man, if

we are to judge by the number of years he has lived, yet he retains the spirit of youth to such a remarkable degree that he is regarded by our young people's Society of Christian Endeavor as their natural leader. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of this society for many years, because, as he affirms, he sees in it the promise and potency of a closer union of all the followers of Jesus Christ of whatever name. But not only does our local society recognize in Mr. Early a natural leader—he is also at present the greatly esteemed president of the Franklin County Christian Endeavor Union, and in this position his influence is felt in the wider councils of the state organization.

As a citizen, Mr. Early is richly endowed with a wholesome public spirit. He is far too broad-minded to have any patience or sympathy with cant or narrowness. He fought for his country in the war of the rebellion, not for the hope of personal gain, but because of his sterling patriotism; and the same loyalty which inspired him to leave all he held dear in '62, still governs every motive and purpose of his life; and while Mr. Early would grant the widest liberty to all who come to our shores, and give them a most generous welcome, he rightly insists that those who do come here should be taught the principle of "America, first, last and always."

Mr. Early is a man of wide reading and culture, of keen observation, and keeps in touch with all questions of national import through our periodical literature. His home is a veritable oasis to all his friends. Every feature of it indicates the man of generous and kindly nature.

Mr. Early's face is toward the sunrise, and he sees in all the change and activity of these modern days only greater possibilities for the coming generations of our land.

R. S. LINDSAY.

Columbus, Ohio, August, 1895.

The following from Gen. Charles Townsend, of Athens, Ohio, who was associated with the subject of this sketch in Grand Army circles, will be read with interest:

As a disinterested and impartial friend, the writer of these deductions is permitted to add to this little volume some reflections upon the character of George W. Early. His lineage is already narrated herein. He has descended from a family distinguished for high character, and he has not diminished the luster of his ancestry, but added luster thereto.

As a soldier in the late war for the preservation of the union, he enlisted in his early manhood and served unselfishly, patriotically and heroically through the war, leaving a name and a record among his comrades of brightest honor and noblest and sweetest memory. As a soldier, he served with the love of his country engraved upon his heart. In that service there was nothing selfish, but constant obedience and earnest and brave execution of every duty, with an eye single to the preservation and perpetuity of the republic.

In his church relations he is free from all narrowness and mere dogmatism, and possessed of broad, generous views and magnanimous charity, looking to the life and the deeds of men as the best and surest expression of the worth of the individual.

Having reached the meridian of life, he is yet in manner and habits youthful, most genial, pleasant, agreeable, vivacious, intellectual and capable, and thereby carries with him in every walk of life the highest esteem and greatest love of those who know him best. He is especially the guide, instructor and leader of the young. He is indeed in spirit a youth, but in experience and culture, intellectually and socially, a strong and experienced man, which is evidenced by the fact that he is a leader in the society of "Christian Endeavor," and is accorded and carried to the front in that society, and in general social, intellectual and religious endeavors.

The subject of this notice is one of the most respected and honored citizens in his community. Ever ready and always generous to advance and exalt any effort for the public welfare. In all matters that relate to the general interest of society he is known to be alert to aid with generous, active and unselfish devotion.

He is indeed a most earnest American, intensely devoted to the welfare of the republic, and as such his patriotism is manifested by a constant and thoughtful exercise of the duties of a citizen to maintain and advance a healthful standard of American citizenship.

He is not one of those who would obstruct the immigration to our shores of the law-abiding and liberty-loving immigrant, but insists that those who may come, as well as those who abide here, shall be in love with American institutions and qualify themselves for the execution of the duties thereof.

The subject of these reflections is unqualifiedly possessed of conservatism mingled with the appreciation of all that enlightens and advances society, still retaining its stability and rational conservatism. He represents veneration for the past coupled with comprehension and appreciation of the elements of present and future progress, so happily mingled as at once to sustain and advance the general welfare.

He is a citizen of whom it may be said that "upon whom every god did seem to set his seal to say, 'Behold a man!'"

*mother's
cousin*

LEWIS MORTIMER EARLY was born on East Fork of Eagle Creek, in Brown county, Ohio, October 13, 1859. Attended the public schools in winter, helped on the farm in summer until 1875 when he went to Ripley with his father's family, and went through the public schools of Ripley, then went to Lebanon and took a business course in the Normal School there. Read medicine with Dr. W. A. Dixon, of Ripley, Ohio, and graduated from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the age of twenty-one. Practiced three years in Ripley, Ohio, then moved in 1884 to Columbus, Ohio, and has a very good practice and keeps posted in all new theories and inventions; is a fine microscopist, and is one of the most suc-

cessful in the use of the "Roentgen" rays, as he is thoroughly prepared for the work. He married Miss Lulu Bell, of Ripley, Ohio, September 15, 1881, and to them have been born the following children :

(KATIE BELL EARLY, November 19, 1883.)
(INDIA LULU EARLY, October 15, 1886.)

He has been the State's Physician at the Institution of the Blind at Columbus, Ohio, for eight years, having served under Governor Foraker four years, under Governor McKinley four years, and is now serving under Governor Bushnell's administration, and has proved satisfactory.

The following from one of the scientific men of the city of Columbus is quite complimentary to the doctor :

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August, 1896.

Dr. Early has done much valuable work in microscopy, and was the first physician in Columbus to personally utilize the Roentgen rays for surgical purposes. When this discovery in science was announced it found him ready furnished with all appliances, and such an experience in electrical and photographic manipulation as to enable him to immediately secure exceptional results. They indicate that his counsel will be widely sought for methods of application of this new and most promising agency to pathological and surgical study and work.

His skiographs, on exhibition at the meeting of the State Medical Association in Columbus, in May, 1896, in clearness and correctness of outline, had not at that date been surpassed, if equaled, even by the trained physicists of this country. His well known enthusiasm in advanced methods of professional work and untiring energy on whatever he undertakes gives assurance that he will maintain the lead he has secured in this new field of science.

"T."

Brother of Amanda James
Great Uncle wife of John Frya

DAVID WATSON EARLY.

Ebenezer

DAVID WATSON EARLY, the younger son of David Early, was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, July 6, 1820, and moved with his father, David, to Brown county, Ohio, in 1836, and there grew to manhood. Married Sarah Jane Hook when he was about twenty-eight years of age and began housekeeping in a part of his father's house, but soon erected a log house on a part of the paternal farm, of which he later became owner. On the death of his father he bought the old homestead and has lived there ever since, being now seventy-five years of age. He is much like his father in size and appearance, six feet two inches tall, large bone and frame, but not corpulent, his weight being from 190 to 200 pounds. He is a man of great moderation, a devoted christian, a member of the Methodist church, in which he has been an active worker for the last thirty-five years. During a great deal of this time he has been superintendent of the Sunday schools at Ebenezer church.

He was a school teacher when young, but soon gave up that profession, and has since devoted his entire time to the farm. He has been successful, having added to his original farm until he now has about 400 acres of land. For a number of years

he has done but little work other than to keep the farm in good repair. Spends a great deal of his time in reading the Bible and studying the Sunday school lessons. His life has been upright, strictly honest and honorable. He "owes no man anything" and looks the whole world in the face. He has never used an ounce of tobacco nor a pint of liquor nor profaned the name of God. He has been respected and honored and loved by all with whom he came in contact, has lived happily, and is now patiently waiting for his summons to join his companion, who died October 22, 1884. His married life was a model one. He was a devoted husband, she a loving, gentle and dutiful wife. They were blessed with all the humble comforts of life and enjoyed a long and happy union. It would be hard to find two lives more pure than those of David Watson Early and wife.

The fruits of their union are :

JOHN QUINCY, born December 30, 1849.

WALTER DAVID, born October 25, 1851.

CHARLES LEE, born July 27, 1854.

GEORGE ANDREW, born September 21, 1856, and twin boys that died in infancy.

JOHN QUINCY EARLY.

JOHN QUINCY EARLY is married to Lucy E. Fulton, and lives in the log house which his father built and lived in until 1862. Before he married he taught school during the winter for several years, but since has given his attention to farming.

His issue are:

CHARLES MASON, born June 10, 1881.

LULA BLANCH, born July 15, 1883.

BESSIE, born August 12, 1885.

MAUDE, born June 24, 1887.

NELLIE, born April 16, 1893, and died November 4, 1894.

WALTER DAVID EARLY.

WALTER DAVID EARLY lives on a part of the farm of his father. Is married to Elnora Kropper and has issue:

WILLIAM WATSON, born March 10, 1874.

MINNIE ALICE, born December 27, 1875.

CHARLES STACY, born April 14, 1878.

WALTER FRANCIS, born October 13, 1889. (FRANK)

He was elected in 1894 as member of the Board of County Commissioners of Adams county, Ohio.

CHARLES LEE EARLY.

CHARLES LEE EARLY left his paternal home in 1876, and located in Sac City, Sac county, Iowa. He had taught several terms of school in Brown and Adams counties, Ohio, before going west. He taught one term in Sac county, Iowa, and then secured a position in the Sac county bank, where he remained two years. He then was deputy County

Treasurer four years. Then engaged in the real estate business under the firm name of Schaller & Early for several years. During this time he had been elected to various town and township offices. In 1888 was elected Clerk of the District Court for Sac county and re-elected in 1890. In 1893 was elected a member of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Iowa. Has been a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons since 1878. Has held the principal and nearly all the subordinate offices in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, of which he is a member.

He is a young man not yet in the prime of life, of pleasing address, a good education, able in argument, a clear mind, quick of perception, thorough in his methods and practical in all his doings. He investigates for himself all the questions of the day, and when his mind is fully made up he is found to be right, and is able and willing to defend his position. As a legislator he makes an able and useful member. As a citizen he is honored and respected by all who know him. He is kind, affable and public-spirited, and always ready and willing to perform a chief part in any public enterprise or undertaking. Though yet a young man, he has already acquired, by frugality and industry, quite a competence of this world's property. A high degree of usefulness is yet in store for him. He was married June 28, 1888, to Agnes Waddell, and has two daughters—

RUTH IMOGENE, born October 25, 1890.

SARAH ESTHER, born November 23, 1892.

GEORGE ANDREW EARLY.

GEORGE ANDREW EARLY, the fourth son of David Watson, is married and lives in the old homestead in Brown county, Ohio, with his father. He married Sena Lawwill, and they have one daughter—

RETTA MAY, born December 6, 1893.

David Carr - D. Carr

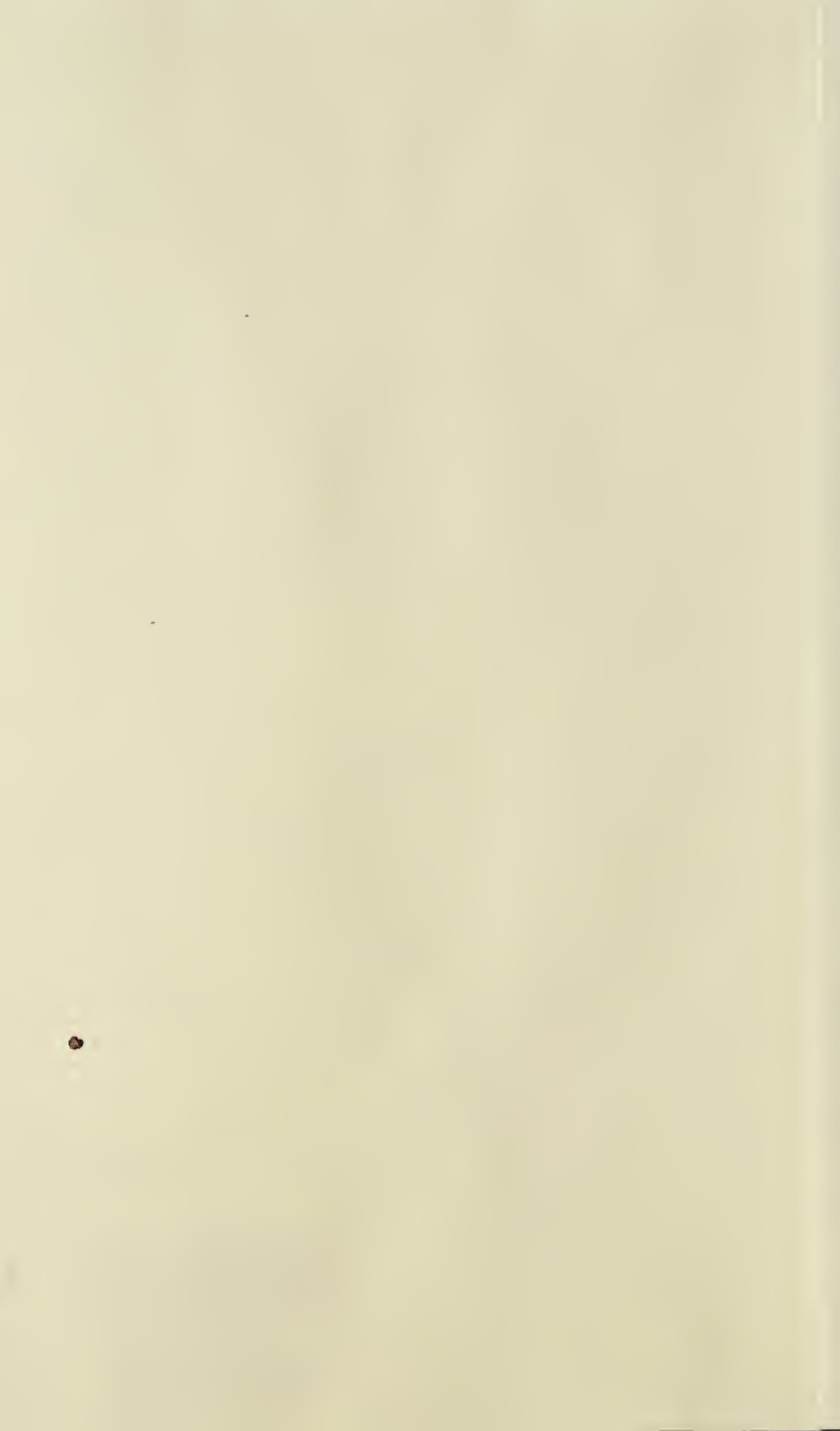
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